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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have revealed Your glory among the gifts of faith, hope, and perseverance, enabling them to obtain what You promise. Lord, infuse them with a passion to do Your will so that this Nation will fulfill Your purposes in our world. Deliver our lawmakers from discouraged thoughts, as they remember Your mighty acts in our Nation's history.

Pour eternity into these brief lives of ours, and open to us the gates of a new and deeper fellowship with You. Today, we lift our prayers for those who mourn in West Virginia and Poland. We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARK R. WARNER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 12, 2010.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARK R. WARNER, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WARNER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COURT OF IMPEACHMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate convene as a Court of Impeachment to process the answer of Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Pursuant to rule IX of the Rules and Procedures in the Senate when sitting on impeachment trials, the Secretary of the Senate will now swear the Sergeant at Arms.

The SECRETARY of the SENATE. Do you, Drew Willison, solemnly swear that the return made by you upon the process issued on the 19th of March, 2010, by the Senate of the United States against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., is truly made and that you have performed such service as therein described, so help you God?

The DEPUTY SERGEANT at ARMS. I do.

Mr. President, I send to the desk the return of service I executed upon service of the summons upon Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Friday, March 19, 2010, at 8:55 a.m.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The return of service will be spread upon the Journal and printed in the RECORD.

The return of service is as follows:

The foregoing writ of summons, addressed to G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana and the foregoing precept, addressed to me, were duly served upon the said G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. by my delivering true and attested copies of the same to G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., at his home, 4801 Neyrey Drive, Metairie, LA, on the 19th day of March 2010, at 8:55 a.m.

TERRANCE W. GAINER,
Sergeant at Arms.

Witness: ANDREW B. WILLISON,
Deputy Sergeant at Arms.

Dated 23 March 2010.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that the Secretary of the Senate communicate to the House of Representatives an attested copy of the answer of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, to the articles of impeachment.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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